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REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
OF THE
TOWN OF LACONIA,
For the Year Ending March 1st,
1859.

Town Credits.

By Literary Fund of State,	\$105.28
State tax assessed,	301.00
County tax assessed,	573.97
Town tax assessed,	1500.00
School tax assessed,	860.00
School house tax assessed,	50.00
School per cent. tax assessed,	62.32
School Railroad tax 1857,	313.75
Cash hired of Miles Taylor,	1500.00
Cash hired of A. Glines,	375.00
“ “ “ “	100.00
Bill against Town of Meredith,	108.08
Cash of Coffin on Noble note,	90.00
“ on highway taxes,	31.02
“ of Town of Gileford on Weirs Bridge,	15.66
Tax List for 1855,	107.31
“ “ 1856,	179.26
“ “ 1857,	861.92
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	\$7134.57

Town Debtor.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Harrison Swain for plank,	\$2.43
S. C. Lyford for land to widen street,	75.00
Bartlett Hill,	15.00
Samuel C. Baldwin,	25.00
E. H. George for labor on Weirs Bridge,	24.00
David Blaisdell for labor on Weirs Bridge,	24.20
B. J. Cole & Co. for lumber on Weirs Bridge,	139.27
E. B. & S. W. Prescott cash and labor on Weirs Bridge,	63.45

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

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Paid C. Ranlet & Co. for plank,	30,51
John B. Brown for plank,	2,70
Charles Smith for breaking road,	3,20
Jacob Smith on Cove Bridge,	1,50
E. H. George for plank,	25,00
N. B. Wadleigh for plank and labor,	56,07
E. Davis' bill,	3,00
Harrison Messer for land to widen road,	20,00
E. B. Prescott bill expenses and on Weirs Bridge,	18,75
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	\$529,08

Support of Poor.

Paid E. Blaisdell for Sally Watson,	2,50
Pitman and Tilton for Sally Watson,	42,09
George A. Swain for Sally Watson,	2,00
James Pike for Sally Watson,	6,49
“ “ for James Ranlet,	39,54
“ “ for Mrs. Quimby,	5,15
James Pike for Mrs. Hill,	5,16
Pitman & Tilton for N. Piper,	5,00
James Pike for N. Piper,	6,48
“ “ for Mahala Dow,	9,34
“ “ John Boynton's house rent,	5,00
Horace Bugbee & son for Dockham,	2,25
B. J. Cole & Co. for Dockham,	1,40
S. Batchelder for J. Batchelder to March, 1859,	70,00
Chase & Gilbert for coffin &c. for Mrs. Quimby,	6,50
“ “ for Mrs. Ruimby,	2,00
A. Doe for house rent for Dockham,	15,00
Richard Sanborn for Mrs. Hill,	18,81
Daniel Davis for shoes for Dockham,	1,50
Hannah Farrar for Chase Crockett and wife and Polly Farrar,	17,23
Pitman & Tilton for Mahala Dow,	6,62
“ “ for Mrs. Quimby,	16,50
“ “ for Chase Crockett,	4,18
“ “ for John Quimby,	5,00
“ “ for Mudgett boy,	3,00
“ “ for Jewett Sanborn,	,79
Robert E. Merrill for doctoring poor,	38,00
S. D. Pease for Mudgett boy,	12,41
Wilder Heywood & Co. for Dockham,	8,51
“ “ “ for Chattle,	4,00
M. S. Robinson for grave clothes,	3,50
William Farrar for house rent for Dockham,	24,00
E. Blaisdell for Dockham,	2,94
N. Chase for Jewett Sanborn,	5,09
J. M. Robinson for Chase Crockett and wife, Pol- ly Farrar and M. Dow to March 1st,	192,18
J. P. Hunt for Josiah Ranlet,	12,50
Thomas L. Smith for Mudgett boy,	33,00
Blaisdell, H. & Co. for Dockham,	3,58

Paid Blaisdell, H. & Co for Chattle,	5,98
Samuel Mugridge for poor,	12,13
Thomas L. Smith for Mudgett boy,	13,32
H. Sibley & Co. paid G. A. Swain for Sally Watson,	20,29
E. B. and S. W. Prescott, Chattle and Mrs. Swain,	3 00
E. Blaisdell for Chattle,	5,39
E. B. Prescott for Dockham,	15,03
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	\$714,38

Schools.

Paid K. S. Hall, Commissioner,	17,20
A. G. Folsom Committee of District No. 1,	524,93
J. E. Mudgett, Committee of District No. 2,	257,63
L. G. Morgan, Committee of District No. 3,	165,81
A. Doe, Committee of District No. 4,	32,67
J. B. Brown, Committee of District No. 5,	64,00
J. Davis 2d, Superintending School Committee,	25,00
A. G. Folsom, school house tax No. 1,	50,00
E. B. Prescott for books for poor,	2,59
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	\$1139,83

Received and paid out for Poor out of Town.

Of Loudon for Moses Stevens,	4,00
Gilmanton for Josiah Moulton,	10,44
Ossipee for C. B. Rollins and family,	101,79
Loudon for William Lewis,	8,00
Haverhill for Sarah Wiser,	15,75
New Hampton for J. T. Webster,	11,00
Gilford for Mrs. Swain,	8,48
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	\$159,46

Incidental Expenses.

Paid David A. Farrington's bill as selectman,	4,00
S. C. Baldwin, printing, 1858,	14,00
Belknap County Bank interest,	12,40
Due selectmen March 1st 1858,	57,04
Guild & Co bill use of store room, &c.,	34,00
Freight on guns,	1,51
I. F. Folsom's bill advice,	3,00
Charles Smith's bill as anditor,	1,00
Cash paid for copies, posting, &c.,	5,67
E. A. Hibbard's bill, counsel,	14,25
B. P. Gale's bill Town Clerk,	19,26
S. Moulton's bill stationery,	2,24
H. Blaisdell affidavits,	,83
Charles Durrell's bill to March 1st,	13,65
Balance of Burnham's bill,	15,47
J. P. Hutchinson's bill,	1,00

Paid L. G. Morgan collecting 1858 list,	66,94
J. W. Robinson Town Treasurer,	15,00
J. W. Robinson service as selectman,	60,00
J. Pike service as selectman,	50,00
E. B. Prescott service as selectman,	40,00
	<u>\$431,26</u>

Other Bills Paid.

Abatements on list of 1855	\$59,75
“ “ “ 1856	22,70
“ “ “ 1857	91,71
“ “ “ 1858	60,13
Paid Firemen 1857	57,76
“ 1858	114,90
State tax for 1857	301,00
“ “ 1858	301,00
County tax for 1858	573,97
Meredith on old debts,	1594,17
Charles Gale's note,	372,48
	<u>\$3549,57</u>

Due the Town.

On tax list of 1855	\$47,56
“ “ 1856	56,56
“ “ 1857	362,45
“ “ 1858	179,44
	<u>\$646,01</u>

Recapitulation.

Paid for Roads and Bridges,	\$529,08
for the Poor,	714,38
for Schools,	1139,83
Incidental expenses,	431,26
Other bills,	3549,57
Due the Town on tax lists,	646,01
	<u>\$7010,13</u>
Amount the Selectmen charge themselves with,	\$7134,57
Amount the Selectmen credit themselves with as above	7010,13
	<u>\$124,44</u>
Due the Town from the Selectmen,	
Liabilities of Laconia to the Town of Meredith	
eight hundred and fifteen dollars six cents,	
besides interest,	\$816,06
To Miles Taylor, by note,	1500 00
Interest due on Miles Taylor's note to March,	75,00
To Alvah Glines, by note,	475,00
Interest due on A. Glines, by note to March 1,	15,20
	<u>\$2881,26</u>

Notes due the Town of Laconia from Albert H.

Noble and A. J. Noble,	\$516.00
Interest on the same to March 1,	11.63
and 58 shares B. C. & M. Railroad, and	
\$37.33 in B. C. & M. Railroad scrip,	

JOSEPH W. ROBINSON,	} Selectmen of Laconia.
ENOCH B. PRESCOTT,	
JAMES PIKE.	

We find the Selectmen's accounts well vouched and correctly cast.

STEPHEN W. MEAD,	} Auditors.
SAMUEL M. DOE	
JOHN DAVIS, 2d.	

Laconia, March 3d, 1859.

Liquor Agent's Report.

Liquor bought since March 1st 1858,	\$341.24
Liquor on hand March 1st 1858,	418.30
Freight on same,	17.18
Trucking, same,	1.75
Samuel Mugridge services to March 1st, 1859,	68.75
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	\$847.22
Liquor on hand March 1st, 1859,	\$311.00
Liquor sold the past year,	500.38
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	\$811.38
Loss the past year,	<hr/>
	\$35.84

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee of the Town of Laconia, respectfully submits the following Report relative to the condition of its schools, for the year ending March 1st, 1859.

I am happy in expressing the opinion, that the improvement which has been made in most of the districts is very marked, with one or two exceptions; which was quite encouraging. The critical explanation of rules and problems which I witnessed, shows that pupils are generally becoming more thorough in their studies.

The amount of money raised by the taxes for the support of schools is \$860.00; that received from the Literary fund is \$105.00; and from the tax arising from the railroad \$80.04; total \$1045.04.

One of the greatest faults in our schools is irregularity in the attendance of the scholars. It is next to an impossibility to make a school appear as it should, when some one of the class is absent half of the time; for when the class comes to review those lessons that were not committed by the absent scholar, he then has not the time to commit the extra, unless you stop the class and wait for the absent scholar.

District No. 1.

Summer School, JAMES W. WEBSTER, of Concord, teacher. The general appearance of the school indicated interest. The teacher was of the first rank, and the result of his instruction was highly beneficial. Discipline was of the highest order, and the method of instruction plain and systematic.

Primary Department.—MATILDA L. PARSHLEY, of Laconia, teacher. Her method of instruction and discipline was such that her services were appreciated by the Prudential Committee.

Winter School, B. GREELY PAGE, of Gilmanton, teacher. At the first visit, the school gave promise of an orderly and successful term. When last visited the scholars gave satisfaction with respect to good order; and appeared well in their classes. The examination in Grammar was satisfactory.

Primary Department.—1st, ANNETTE E. RUSSELL, of Laconia, teacher. She was well qualified for the occupation; her manner of instruction was easy and of the highest rank.

The school was the best evidence of the qualifications of the teacher. Her exercise in Geography, Reading, Spelling, and Singing, was to her credit.

2d, MATILDA L. PARSHLEY, of Laconia, teacher. At the first visit, the school gave promise of an orderly and successful term. At my second visit Matilda L. Parshley had left, and her sister, SARAH O. PARSHLEY, was to finish the school. There was a want of decision and authority in the government of the school.

District No. 2.

Summer School, N. ABBIE TUTTLE, of Meredith, teacher. Few schools have been conducted with more tact and energy.

Primary Department.—RHODA F. DAVIS, of Laconia, teacher. The scholars made excellent progress in their studies, and manifested a lively interest in all the exercises of the school.

Winter School, JOHN DAVIS, 2d, of Laconia, teacher.—The scholars made excellent progress in sliding, contrasted with their studies.

Primary Department.—RHODA F. DAVIS, of Laconia, teacher. The district has full confidence in her skill in teaching, so that she is not molested or made afraid by their company.

District No. 3.

Summer School, ANNIS M. ROBINSON, of Laconia, teacher. Most of the scholars were anxious to learn, and having an efficient teacher, their wish was realized. Winter school, SARAH M. DAVIS, of Laconia, teacher. The scholars have done honor to themselves, and to their teacher. I prefer that the district should make such remarks as may be thought best by themselves, as the teacher is my daughter.

District No. 4.

Summer School, LYDIA E. DOE, of Laconia, teacher.—The school appeared orderly and quiet, and made fair progress. The scholars were respectful to their teacher, attentive to their books, and circumspect in all their deportment.

District No. 5.

Summer School, NANCY L. SMITH, of Moultonborough, teacher. The school appeared orderly and quiet. Good interest was manifested on the part of the district. One of the former fathers of the town took me into his carriage and carried me to the school house, and notified several of the district, who visited the school with us.

Winter School, H. P. SMITH, of Meredith, teacher. There was a lack of discipline, or in the manner of teaching, which made the exertions of the teacher of little avail.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS.	TEACHERS.	Amount of Money.	Wages of Teachers per month including board.	Length of schools in weeks	Whole No. of scholars.		Average attendance,	Number of times tardy.	No. of visits by P. Com.	No. of visits by S. S. Com.	No. of visits by citizens.
					Males.	Females.					
1†	James Webster.	524.93	40.00	12	57	21	36				
	Matilda L. Parshley.		16.00	12							
2	N. Abbie Tuttle.	257.63	18.00	12	48	22	26	37	169	3	4
	Rhoda F. Davis.		12.00	12	36	21	15	25	189	3	4
3	Annis M. Robinson.	165.81	16.27	14	25	7	18	20	25	2	1
4	Lydia E. Doe.	32.67	14.27	16	16	6	10	12	13	0	2
5	Nancy L. Smith.	64.00	16.00	10	23	15	8	17	12	2	2

† I have received no register.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS.	TEACHERS.	Wages per month including board.	Length of schools in weeks	Whole No. of Scholars		Average attendance.	No. of times tardy.	No. of visits by P. Com.	No. of visits by S. S. Com.	No. of visits by citizens.
				Males.	Females.					
1†	B. Greely Page.	40.00	15	60	22	38	43	476	10	3
	Matilda L. Parshley.	18.00	15	41		26				2
	Annette E. Russell.	18.00	15	62	28	34	36		7	3
2	John Davis, 2d.	33.33	12	66	32	34	45	416	1	29
	Rhoda F. Davis.	12.00	12	40	24	16	30	68	1	3
3	Sarah M. Davis.	18.00	17	31	16	15	20		1	1
5†	H. P. Smith.	18.00	10	23	15	8		83	1	2

† There are five schools that were not finished at the time this report was made.

† This school is composed of scholars from Laconia and Meredith. Items relating to the number of scholars, attendance, visits by Committee, and school money, are given for Laconia only.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DAVIS, 2d.